

began to show us for we found it was
so late & I had an engagement. The
went up to his study & brought him down
& he was so interested because I came from
Beverly. We did have such a good
time. He & Grace & Mrs B. & I "kissed
off". I thought I liked Mrs Greene
tremendously but I am much more
fond of Mrs Waterman already and I
have promised to go there always - I
told her at Mrs Greene's that I like
her poetry which you know she had
written for her particular friends - I
don't you think yesterday she gave me
one of the books and a photograph of
Helen! Some how or other she knows
I write and we were the greatest friends.
She reminds me of Aunt Helen Gilman
somewhat. Well - after this we called
upon the Gules who were very pleasant
though we could only stay a minute -
and then we came home and I went
to return Mrs Wintrop's call and then

I shall not spend much money

Sarah aged 22

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Saturday Dec^r 30th

Dear Annie

I did have the best
time yesterday. and I will begin at
the beginning and tell you all about
it - you know I said that Mrs Waterman
asked me to come up yesterday at 12.
So Grace and I started out. Though it
snowed. She was very glad to see us
and took us first into the large library
which is like a room in a novel.
First we looked at the paintings and
there was a portrait by Landryke
and an old Dutch portrait of a lady
which I liked very much. Then we
looked at some of the autograph letters
which were very interesting. There was one
of Napoleon the first & Oliver Crom-
well and Horace Walpole & Robert

Burns & a leaf from the manuscript
of "Kenilworth" and quantities of others.
& then we looked at the part of the
library where the old books were: old
missals and Bibles and one of the
books which used to be chained in the
churches - with the chain still hanging
to it - These books you know were made
before printing was discovered - and
all done with pens - printed exquisitely
with the illuminated borders and
capital letters - all done by some old
monk. It used to take almost a life
time to copy a book - Then there were
some of the first that were ever printed
where the common letters were done with
type and the coloured letters done by
hand. & these could be done so much
quicker than people thought the printers
were in league with the devil! There

was a copy of the famous Mercurberg
Chronicle which I had read a great
deal about - Then, after we had looked
over the books & pictures as much as
we could we went into a smaller
room beyond where there were cabinets
of minerals and petrifications fossils
of all kinds. & curiosities they brought
from California - & then we went up
stairs first into Mrs W's own chamber
& then into her sitting room which
was the most perfect room I ever
saw - There is a portrait of her daughter
Helen who died - which I could not
keep my eyes off of. it was so lovely -
and so many engravings and beautiful
watercolor paintings - Oh dear! it was
so charming! We stayed nearly two
hours, and came away in the midst
of a portfolio of pictures Mr Waterston